

## Chapter 21: Blackest Knight



WAAAAA

AS IT SHOULD BE! HERE AT THE OSAKA POME

...THE EXCITEMENT SURROUNDING THE BATTLE AT HIGH NOON HAS REACHED ITS PEAK!

JUMP

...AT TRICKY KURON, WITH THE "AS FOR BAKU" SPIRIT INHERITED FROM HIS FATHER, WANTS AN AMAZING COMBATO!

THE COMBO IS FEATHERING!

IN THE END, HE PROCLAIM THE NEW GENERATION THE GREAT VICTORY BY PURSUING TYRANNOCLAW WITH ONE OF HIS FAMILY'S GREATEST TECHNIQUE, THE "CARP BEARING" MOVE

SHOWCASED THE UNMATCHED POWER AND RESILIENCE OF TYRANNOCLAW AS HE PUSHED TRICKY KURON TO THE BRINK OF DEFEAT

THE FIRST MATCH - Pitting THE NEW GENERATION'S TRICKY KURON AGAINST NIGHTMARE NO. 1, TYRANNOCLAW



WITH HIS  
Noble AND  
ELEGANT  
STATURE,  
UNLIKE ANY  
MEMBER OF THE  
FAN WE'VE  
SEEN...

IT SEEMED  
THE NEW  
GENERATION  
WOULD GO ON  
A ROLL WITH  
THEIR  
VICTORY...

BUT ONCE  
WRESTLER  
NO. 1,  
CROCODILE,  
MADE HIS  
APPEARANCE,  
THE MOOD  
ABRUPTLY  
CHANGED

NOT TO  
MENTION HIS  
OVERWHELMING  
POWER, HE REVEALED  
GORGEOUS MAN  
AND TERRY  
KERRYON

THE CONTRAST  
BETWEEN HIS  
Nobility  
AND BRUTALITY  
HAS CAPTURED  
THE HEARTS  
OF WRESTLING  
FANS

IN A FEW  
SHORT MINUTES, HE  
LEFT TERRY KERRYON  
IN THE DUST  
IN THE POPULARITY  
POLL!

SUPPORT  
FOR THE MUSCLE  
LEAGUE IS  
RAPIDLY  
GROWING!

NOT ONLY  
THAT, BUT WITH  
HIS MUSCLE, WHO  
WAS SCHEDULED  
TO FIGHT  
CROCODILE,  
PLEADING





5,000  
PER A POLL!  
5,000  
YEN!



COME  
ONE!

ME  
TOO!!



EEEE!

ONLY  
TEN MORE OF  
THE dMP'S NEW  
CHECKMATE  
POLLS!



OKAY,  
OKAY,  
MAKE A  
LINE...

EEEE  
EEEE

EEEE!

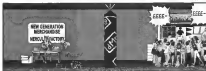


I  
WANT A  
T-SHIRT!



CAN I  
GET A CAP  
AND A  
POSTER?

UGH!





BUT MAKING  
ME, OF ALL  
PEOPLE, SELL  
MERCHANDISE?  
COONNN...  
THAT KIP  
MUSCLE!

I CAME  
ALL THE WAY  
TO OSAKA  
BECAUSE  
THEY SAID THEY  
NEEDED A  
HAND...



HA HA  
HA HA

BY NOW,  
I WOULDN'T  
MIND KEEPING  
SOME  
KOHAN'S!

WE WERE  
ORIGINALLY  
SENT HERE TO  
FIGHT FOR  
PEACE.



NOOO!  
ONE OF MY  
FIGURES HAS  
FALLEN INTO  
DISREPAIR!



ALL RIGHT!  
I'LL FIGHT  
YOU,  
CHICKMATE!

I DON'T LIKE  
GETTING HURT...  
BUT I HATE BEING  
IGNORED BY GIRLS  
EVEN MORE!



IF HE  
DOESN'T  
SHOW  
UP IN TIME  
FOR THE  
MATCH...

WHERE  
THE  
BLAZES  
PIR JUNIOR  
GO THIS  
TIME?

IN FIVE  
MINUTES, THE  
FINAL MATCH OF  
THE BATTLE AT  
HIGH NOON WILL  
BEGIN.

POSSIBLE  
ROOM...



I'LL  
FIGHT!

WHOOSH





I NEVER  
THOUGHT I'D  
WEAR THIS  
COSTUME  
AGAIN...

BUT IT'S  
TO RESTORE  
THE GLORY OF  
THE MUSCLE  
LEAGUE!



THE ONLY  
TIME I WAS  
A FIGHTER...

THIRTY-SIX  
YEARS AGO,  
FACING THE PLANET  
MUSCLE GROWN  
CONTEST...



WHAT'S  
THAT POWER  
WEARING,  
HEAT?



I WORE  
THIS TANK TOP  
AND SHORTS  
WHEN I FIGHTED  
UNDER THE  
MOON



I GOT  
HUNGRY, SO I  
JUST WENT  
OUT FOR A  
BEEF BOWL.



I DON'T  
RUN  
AWAY!



36-YEAR-OLD!  
WHAT WERE YOU  
THINKING, RUNNING  
AWAY FROM THE  
ENEMY?



I-I  
RETURNED  
TO BRING  
HAPPINESS  
BACK TO  
THE PEOPLE

YEAH

JUST  
WHAT  
GIRLS?  
I'M HERE FOR  
HOLD  
PEACE!

WHAT?  
GIRLS?



OF COURSE!  
ANYTHING  
FOR THE  
GIRLS!

WELL,  
THANK  
HEAVENS  
YOU  
RETURNED.





...WITH A  
BLACK AND  
WHITE  
CHESSBOARD  
PATTERN!

THE  
CANVAS  
OF THE MAT  
HAS BEEN  
REPLACED...



THE  
CROWD IS  
GOING  
WILD!

WHAT A  
FITTING KING  
FOR A MATCH  
WITH  
CHECKMATE!



WE WILL  
JOIN FORCES  
TO CO-EXIST  
IN A NEW  
AGE OF  
PROSPERITY!

BUT WE  
WILL NOT  
OPPRESS  
YOU WITH  
UNPUE  
VIOLENCE

WE OF THE  
PMP WILL COME  
TO RULE THE  
ENTIRE  
WORLD!

LADIES  
AND  
GENTLEMEN,  
I AM 100%  
CERTAIN I  
WILL REPEAT  
KID MORSE!



Ka-shink







W-  
WHAT'S  
WITH THAT  
SETUP?



ITP MURDER'S  
COSTUME  
RESEMBLES  
CHICKENATE'S

BUT INSTEAD  
OF CHESS PIECES,  
HE'S COVERED  
HIMSELF WITH  
SHOGI PIECES!



IF YOU RUN  
TOO FAST,  
THE SHOGI PIECES  
MAY FLY  
AWAY.



LAGER IF  
YOU WALK AT  
THE LIFE I PUT  
ON THE LINE.

EVEN HIS  
THEME SONG IS  
NIPPO MEAT & B'S  
CLASSIC HIT  
"SHOGI KING!"



WHAT THE...

ALL THE GIRLS ARE SPECKLESS

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WE LOOK SO COOL!

JUNIOR... HE MAY LOOK EVEN STRIPPER THAN LAST TIME.

I SHOULD BE FIRST IN THAT POPULARITY POLL NOW

AM I ALMOST WISHING MY HANDS OFF NOW...

WHAT IS THAT SPOT THINKING?



ACCEPT THIS CROWN WITH GRATITUDE!

FWUFF

Twop



OWW!

KONK







READ THIS WAY









## Chapter 22: The King of Pain

C'MON!!

CONTRARY  
TO ALL  
EXPECTATIONS,  
AGAINST THE  
POWERHOUSE  
CHECKMATE—

KID MUSCLE  
HAS THE  
UPPER  
HAND!!



...AND PUT  
DOWN TERRY  
KENPON  
WITH A SINGLE  
STAMPELING  
RIGHT

THAT'S THE  
MONSTER  
CHECKMATE,  
WHO KNOCK  
GORGON  
MAY'S ARM IN  
ONE MOVE...



NOW IS THE  
LAUGHINGSTOCK OF  
THE HERCULES  
FACTORY  
LEAVING THIS  
FIGHT?



I'M AS  
SURPRISED  
AS YOU  
GUYS ARE

I-I  
HAVE  
NO IDEA



EVEN IF IT  
WAS BY ACCIDENT,  
THE COMBINATION  
OF AN INDIAN  
DEATH LOCK AND  
SHOULDER LOCK  
BREAKER IS A  
GREAT MOVE!

I'M  
SUSPECTING  
HE STUMBLED  
UPON IT  
AT RANDOM...



WE HAD  
FOUR  
GRAPPLERS,  
AND HE WAS  
JUST LUCKY  
IN TECHNIQUE  
CLASS...

HEY, MIGHT  
WANT TO  
LEARN  
A MOVE  
LIKE THAT?



# Popularity Po

KIP MUSCLE  
AND CHECKMATE  
ARE BATTLING IT  
OUT AT THE  
MOMENT..

HI!  
WE'RE HERE  
AT THE  
POPULARITY  
FOLLING  
AREA!

BUT  
WE'D LIKE TO  
REPORT ON THE  
PROGRESS OF  
THE POPULARITY  
FOLL WITH THE  
COUNTRY'S FEMALE  
INTERESTING FANS



OKAY,  
KIP  
MUSCLE

YES,  
SO KIP  
MUSCLE?

THERE SEEMS  
TO BE SOMETHING  
UNUSUAL WITH  
THE POPULARITY  
FOLL..



GIRLS ALL  
OVER THE  
COUNTRY ARE  
SUPPORTING  
ME!

I'LL  
WORK  
EVEN  
HARDER!!



I SHOULD  
HAVE KNOWN  
JUNIOR'S  
PRIORITIES  
WERE STILL  
SCREWED  
UP!



KIP MUSCLE,  
WHO DIDN'T EVEN  
GET ONE VOTE  
FROM A FEMALE  
FAN, WAS  
DEAD LAST...

BUT, APPARENTLY,  
SEEING HIM DO WELL  
AGAINST CHECKMATE  
IS A BIG TURN-ON  
FOR SOME, AND  
HE'S RECEIVING  
MANY VOTES!







HM  
LIKE  
THIS...

I'VE  
GOT YOU  
LOCKED  
IN TOO  
TIGHTLY...

BUT YOU  
CANNOT  
BEAT  
ME.

BEAT...  
I KNOW  
THAT  
WORD.



WH-  
WHAT  
THE--



HOW  
ARE YOU  
GONNA  
ESCAPE  
IT?



THAT IS  
BECAUSE I  
AM GOING TO  
ESCAPE  
FROM THIS  
MOVE.

CHECKMATE  
INTENTIONALLY  
DISLOCATED  
HIS JOINTS!



WHAT  
WAS THAT  
SOUND?



READ THIS WAY

**HRRT**

CHECKMATE IS POUNDING A  
HEADSTAND ON  
KIP MUSCLE'S  
SHOULDER, WITH  
NO NECK  
SUPPORT—

HE  
FREED  
HIS  
HEAD...

floop

FROM  
THE  
SHOULDER  
NECK  
RELEASED!

**THRAKK**

HE  
CATCHES  
KIP  
MUSCLE...

...WITH A  
POUNCE  
KNEE  
LIFT!!



HE JUST DIDN'T  
SENSE ANY NEGATIVE  
FEELINGS LIKE AGONY,  
SUFFERING OR  
PAIN DURING  
BATTLE.

HAN HAN HAN!  
LET ME TELL  
YOU, KIP MUSCLE,  
IT'S NOT THAT  
CHECKMATE  
DOESN'T KNOW  
THOSE WORDS.



WHAT?

...PEEP  
UNDERGROUND  
IN THE PUP'S  
HIDEOUT.



I FIRST  
MET  
CHECKMATE



...THAT HE  
COULD  
BECOME  
A GREAT  
FIGHTER FOR  
DELT.



AT  
THAT  
MOMENT,  
I  
INSTINCT-  
UALLY  
KNEW...

HE WAS A  
SHINY, PITY  
LITTLE KIP...



BUT HE  
HAD THESE  
VICIOUS  
EYES

HE  
WAS LIVING  
OUT OF  
SARLAGE  
CANS WHEN  
I FOUND  
HIM.



HE WAS ABOUT  
FIVE YEARS OLD  
AND HAD BEEN  
ABANDONED BY  
HIS PARENTS.

...I BEGAN  
MY  
TRAINING.

ON THAT  
DEEP DAY,  
TO FIGHT  
CHECKMATE  
AS A FIRST-  
CLASS DELT  
WARRIOR...



NO FEELING  
NO PAIN  
NO SUFFERING  
NO AGONY

AND FINALLY  
CHECKMATE  
BECAME THE  
PERFECT EVIL  
WARRIOR.



I BEGAN BY  
BEATING  
NEGATIVE  
NOTIONS  
LIKE PAIN,  
SUFFERING  
AND AGONY  
OUT OF HIM.

FOR  
TEN YEARS,  
I INFLECTED  
EVERY KIND OF  
PAIN I COULD  
THINK OF ON  
HIS BODY...



YOUR  
FAIR  
WILL  
NOT  
CHANGE?

HE'S  
JUST  
ACTING  
TOUGH,  
PRETENDING  
NOT TO  
FEEL IT!

EVEN  
SUPER-  
HUMANS  
CAN FEEL  
PAIN!

NOT  
PAIN OR  
ANY-  
THING?

NO WAY!  
A PERSON  
WHO DOESN'T  
FEEL?



YOU  
DON'T  
HAVE TO  
BELIEVE.



Y E O W !

EVEN  
LITTLE  
THINGS,  
LIKE...

PUNCH



CHECKMATE  
SET'S KID  
MUSCLE UP  
FOR A SIDE  
SUXPLEX--



OH,  
BET  
KID MUSCLE  
SHOTS  
HIS  
WEIGHT--

NOT  
SO  
FAST!



THIS  
SHOULD  
GET  
A SCREAM  
OUT OF  
YOU!!

THE  
OCTOPUS  
HOLD!!



--AND  
COUNTERS  
WITH  
ANOTHER  
HARDLY-VEE



WOW!  
ANOTHER  
ONE!!



THIS  
IS  
NOTHING!



NOW DO YOU  
LIKE IT? OF ALL  
THE WRESTLING  
MOVES, THE SICTORUS  
HOLD IS SO PERFECT  
IT'S CONSIDERED  
A WORK OF ART!

DON'T  
TELL ME  
YOU DON'T  
FEEL THE  
PAIN!!

GROOCH



I  
DON'T  
BELIEVE  
IT...



HEH  
HEH.  
HEY, KID  
MUSCLES!

PINME!



"GIVE  
UP?"

ANOTHER  
PHASE I  
DON'T  
UNDER-  
STAND.

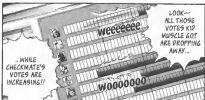


IF YOU  
DON'T GIVE  
UP AND  
COME UP  
ALL YOUR  
BONES  
WILL BE  
CRUSHED

HEH-  
WHAT  
...?











*Zzzhooowww*



HIS OLD  
HEAD WAS  
SHIFTED TO  
HIS LEFT  
SHOULDER!



IT'S  
LIKE  
PUNCHING  
A BRICK  
WALL!





...CHECKMATE  
CAN  
TRANSFORM  
HIS SHAPE OF  
THE ENTIRE  
BODY!

BY  
CHANGING  
THE PIECES  
ON HIS  
HEAD...



AH, SO  
WHEN IT  
HURTS,  
YOUR FACE  
GETS RED AND  
YOU START TO  
SWEAT

PLEASE  
LET ME TAKE  
A CLOSER LOOK  
AT THIS SO-  
CALLED  
"PAIN"



OHMY  
GOD, THAT  
HURTS!



"HURTS?"  
HMM... THAT'S  
WHAT IT  
MEANS TO  
BE IN PAIN



**PUSH**

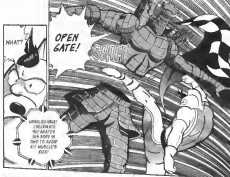
LET  
GO OF  
ME!



THIS TIME  
KIP MUSCLE  
UNLEASHES A  
NIPPLE KICK  
AIMED AT  
CHECKMATE'S  
BODY--

**KICK**

PONT  
UNDER-  
ESTIMATE  
ME!!



WHAT?

OPEN  
GATE!

WHOLELY WHAT  
CHOCOMATE'S  
THROWING  
HIS BODY IN  
THIS TO AVOID  
KIP MUSCLE'S  
BLAST?



CHOCOMATE'S  
UPPER BODY  
SLAMS DOWN  
ON KIP  
MUSCLE'S  
LEG!

GRRRRR

MY...  
LEG!



CLOSE  
THE  
GATE!

CRUNCH



YOUR  
BREATHING  
IS  
LABORED?

THIS TIME  
YOUR  
EXPRESSION  
OF PAIN IS  
TURNING  
BLUE





HIGH  
HORSE  
DRIVER!



CHECKMATE  
HAS  
CHANGED...

...TO HIS  
KNIGHT-  
HEADED  
CENTAUR  
FORM!





## Chapter 23:

# Thirty Years of Maximum Hate

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CHOCOMATE IS USING THE INCREASED HEIGHT OF HIS HORSE-SHAPED LONGER BODY---

---TO SLAM THE INVERTED KIP MUSCLE HEADFIRST INTO THE CANVAS!



THE HIGH  
HORSE POWER!  
WHAT AN  
INCEPTEBLE  
MOVE!



CRICKETER'S NORMAL WEIGHT IS 418 POUNDS, AVERAGE FOR A SUPERHUMAN OF HIS AGE COULD WITHSTAND A BOMB WITH THAT MUCH MASS BEHIND IT



HIS TOTAL HEIGHT MUST BE THREE OR FOUR TIMES AVERAGE, POSSIBLY UP TO 1250 POUNDS! I CAN'T IMAGINE THE DAMAGE HE'D BE ABLE TO SUSTAIN, WITH THAT MUCH WEIGHT ACCUMULATING ONTO HIM



KIP MUSCLE  
KIPS UP  
AT THE  
COUNT OF  
8!

paf

R-NOT  
LOOP...

WHAT?

BUT I CAME  
UP WITH A WAY  
TO BEAT THAT  
CHERRY PICEE  
CHANGE!

HAHA!  
YOU'RE ONLY  
STUCK 'CAUSE YOU  
CAN CHANGE YOURSELF  
INTO THE CHERRY  
PICEE ON YOUR  
HEAD!

THEN  
LET US  
SEE IT

...THIS  
STRATEGY  
OF  
YOUR'S!

CLOP  
CLOP  
CLOP

heh  
heh...

BAHA!

SEE!  
THAT'S  
WHAT  
WE WANKA  
SEE!  
SHOW  
US!

KIP MUSCLE  
KIPS BACK THE  
CLOP! WITH  
HIS BOLF  
WOOPS!

- LOOKS  
DICKMATE'S  
FRONT AND  
BACK LEGS  
WITH HIS  
RIGHT LEG!

KUFF

KIP  
MUSCLE

## Popularity Poll





**HUFF**

TO BEAT  
THE CHESS  
PIECE  
CHARGE!

THIS IS  
THE STRATEGY  
I CAME  
UP WITH...

◀ READ  
THIS  
MAY ▶

I DID  
IT FOR  
THIS!

KIP MUSCLE  
TORE OFF  
ONE OF  
CHECKMATE'S  
PIECES!

**BEEP**

FIGHT FIRE  
WITH FIRE!  
AGAINST THE  
CHESS PIECE  
CHARGE...

...THERE'S  
ONLY CHESS  
PIECE  
CHARGE!

**ZZZHHH**

JUST LIKE  
CHECKMATE, KIP  
MUSCLE'S HEAD  
CHARGES FORWARD  
WITH THE CHESS  
PIECE ON  
HIS SHOULDERS

**ZZHHHEEUUU**

READ THIS WAY

WHAT IS HE THINKING?

...AND NOW THE PIECE HAS APPEARED ON HIS BODY?



WH-WHAT THE HELL?!

COULD THIS BE THE FIGHT PIECE?

WHOA, I'M CHANGING INTO SOMETHING THAT LOOKS STRONG!

KIP HENOLD'S ENTIRE BODY IS BEING WRAPPED IN A SUIT OF ARMOR!

KUSHINK

KUSHINK

HAH

WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT.

I THINK I CAN PULL OFF SOME STRONG MOVES IN THIS!









DOO!

WHAT?  
AGAIN?

WEENHONG!



ALL  
RIGHT

WHEW!

FLYING  
CROSS  
ATTACK  
--



WHAT'RE YOU  
DOIN', BUNNY  
HOFFIN'  
AROUND  
THE RING?

ha ha ha ha

KID MUSCLE'S  
BODY HAS PULLED  
BACK AS IF  
DEADEN BY  
A MAGNET?



SAY  
WHAT?

YOU IDIOT!  
YOU CAN  
ONLY MOVE  
THE SAME  
WAY AS  
A PAIN  
PILLET!



GEZZ



HEY!  
WHY CAN I  
ONLY  
ADVANCE  
ONE SPACE  
AT A  
TIME?



WHAT?  
I  
TURNED  
INTO A  
LOWLY  
PAWN?

NO WONDER  
I CAN ONLY  
MOVE ONE  
SPACE AT  
A TIME.



IT'S BASICALLY  
LIKE THE HONEY,  
THE INFANTRY  
PIECE IN A  
GAME OF SHOGI.  
IT CAN ONLY  
ADVANCE ONE  
SPACE AT A TIME.

IN CHESS, THE  
PAWNS PROTECT  
THE KING LIKE AN  
ADVANCE GUARD  
OUT OF ALL THE  
PIECES, THE  
PAWN IS THE  
LOWEST IN RANK.



YOU TOOK  
IT FROM  
ME ON  
YOUR  
OWN.

WHY DIDN'T  
YOU TELL  
ME IT WAS  
A USELESS  
PIECE?

PAWNS  
ARE PART OF  
EVERY CHESS  
SET. I HEAR  
ONE MERELY  
AS  
DECORATION.



CHESS  
PIECE  
CHANGE!

beep

FOOL!  
DID YOU  
JUST  
REALIZE  
THIS?



Zzhheooo

I WANT  
MY OWN  
BODY  
BACK!







...WILL  
WORK ON  
ME!

HHFF

POFF!  
THAT'S A  
SPONTANEOUS  
MOVE LIKE  
THAT...



HE SMASHES  
KIF MUSCLE'S  
FACE INTO THE  
POST AS HE  
ARCHES HIS  
BODY  
BACKWARDS---

WRONG!



BECAUSE  
OF THAT  
FEELING,  
YOU EXPOSE  
A  
PAINFUL  
SIDE OF  
YOURSELF

HMM...  
THIS "FAW"  
IS NOT  
A GOOD  
THING.

AUGH---  
THE  
PAIN!

JURROO!

GAAAAH



**BEEP**

CHECKMATE  
CHANGES  
AGAIN FROM  
KING TO  
ROOK -

**ZZZZHHH**

*CHESS  
PIECE  
CHANGES!*

**ZZZZNEED**

—GIVING  
HIS ENTIRE  
BODY THE  
DENSITY OF  
STONE!

WOW...  
SO  
HEAVY...



SEPARATION!

AW,  
WHO  
CARES?

**NNNFF**



THE  
SECTION  
KIP MUSCLE  
HAD ROLF  
OF--

CHECKMATE'S  
BODY HAS SPLIT  
INTO THREE  
SEPARATE  
PARTS!



I  
CANT  
MOVE

WAAH!

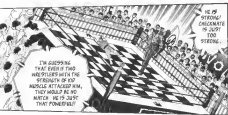
**THUD**

—NOW HAS  
HIM PINNED  
DOWN!!











AND ALL  
THE OTHER  
ENEMIES OF  
THE PAST...  
ARE YOU  
SEEING THIS?

RODGE  
SHAGLIN,  
SHIVARO, ATLANTIS,  
SPIDERMAN,  
JOKERMAN,  
MILJA NEG...



IS ABOUT  
TO REPEAT THE  
SON OF KING  
MUSCLE. THE  
MAN WHO  
DESTROYED  
OUR FORCES.

THIRTY  
YEARS  
LATER, AT  
THIS MOMENT,  
MY STUDENT  
CHECKMATE.

IT WON'T  
BE LONG  
BEFORE THE  
FLAG OF MY  
NEW EVIL ARMY  
WILL FLAP  
OVER THIS  
RING...

ONE!

TWO!



## Chapter 24: Checkmate's Gambit













...MEANS  
THE END  
OF THE NEW  
GENERATION

TAKING  
KID  
MUSCLE'S  
HEAD...



OF  
COURSE I  
REMEMBER

DON'T  
WORRY



IN  
RETURN  
FOR  
PERMITTING  
THE NEW  
GENERATION

YOU'D  
BETTER  
NOT HAVE  
FORGOT-  
TEN

YOU PROMISED  
TO GIVE US  
TOP AUTHORITY  
WITHIN THE PMP.  
ALL YOU LESSER  
GROUPS WILL  
BE UNDER OUR  
CONTROL!



YOU TWO'RE  
SEEM AWFULLY  
HAPPY, BUT  
THIS IS MY  
EYE ARM'S  
ACHIEVEMENT.

THE REST  
OF THE PMP  
HAP NOTHING  
TO DO WITH  
IT!



WHAT'S  
THAT?



WHEN WE  
FOUNDED  
THE NEW PMP,  
WE PLANNED TO  
SET ASIDE OUR  
DIFFERENCES  
AND BE  
EQUALS

I REMEMBER  
MAP BACK, WHEN  
ALL THE OLD EYE  
GANGS WENT BOOF  
UNPLEASANT AFTER  
BEING DEFEATED  
BY THE MUSCLE  
LEAGUE

THEY WERE THE ONLY  
ONE LEFT OF  
THE OTHERS

MOST OF MY GAMES,  
THE PERFECT CHOICE,  
HAD BEEN REPEATED

BUT THE OTHER GAMES,  
THE CROWD CHOICE AND  
THE PERFECT CHOICE,  
HAD FLIGHTS OF MEMBERS LEFT

WITHIN THE PMP,  
MAJORITY RULED,  
AND SOON MY  
OPINIONS WERE  
NO LONGER NEEDED

ALL THAT WAS  
LEFT WAS ME...

EVEN AT THE TRAINING  
FACILITY, THE KINGS  
AND EQUIPMENT WERE  
MONOPOLIZED BY THE  
FRIENDS OF CROWD  
AND PERFECT CHOICE

24000 /  
35000 /

HIGH  
HIGH

I HAD TO  
TRAIN IN  
LIMITED  
SPACE  
WITH NO  
EQUIPMENT

I HAD  
SHOVED  
ASIDE TO  
THE CORNER  
OF THE  
TRAINING  
FACILITY

...OUR  
TREATMENT  
DID NOT  
CHANGE

BUT  
WITHIN  
THE  
DAY...

WITH  
TYRANNOCLAW  
AND CHECKMATE  
AS SPIES, MY  
COUNCIL GAVE  
A LITTLE MORE  
LIVELY

TWENTY YEARS  
LATER, I  
FINALLY HAD  
SOME YOUNG  
WARRIORS  
TO TRAIN



WE WILL  
CREATE  
AN ARMY  
EQUAL  
TO THE OLD  
EVIL ARMY THAT  
SHOOK THE  
WORLD!

NO! WE CAN  
CREATE A NEW  
EVIL ARMY THAT  
WILL BE EVEN  
STRONGER!

IF YOU TWO  
CAN BEAT  
THE NEW  
GENERATION  
OF THE  
MURDER  
LEAGUE,  
OUR STATUS  
IN THE DAY  
WILL BE  
REHALED!

LISTEN,  
CHECK-  
MATE,  
TYRANNO-  
CLAW...

THEY WILL  
ALL BE  
UNDER  
OUR  
CONTROL...

WHEN THAT  
HAPPENS, THE  
OTHER GANGS  
WILL BE  
FINISHED.



...MAKING THE  
DREAM OF MY  
NEW EVIL ARMY  
A REALITY!!

AND NOW  
MY PROTEGE,  
CHOCOMATE,  
WILL DEFEAT  
KIP MUSCLE.



WHAT  
FANATICISM,  
TO HAVE NEVER  
LET GO OF HIS  
OBSESSION WITH  
DEFEATING  
KING MUSCLE!

IT'S BEEN  
THIRTY YEARS  
SINCE OUR  
PARENTS  
GENERATION  
BEAT THEM



GRAB!!  
IF YOU DON'T  
GET UP NOW,  
YOU'LL LOSE  
BY TKO!



YOU  
HAVEN'T  
ENTIRELY  
DEFEATED  
KIP MUSCLE  
YET.



MY BODY  
WOIN'T DO  
WHAT I  
WANT IT  
TO...

I...I  
KNOW  
THAT.  
BUT...

WHETHER  
WE WILL  
ACCEPT  
YOUR RULE  
DEPENDS  
ON THE  
RESULT OF  
THIS FIGHT.













IF I PUT  
UP WITH TEN  
YEARS OF  
TORTUROUS  
TRAINING UNDER  
SUNSHINE





SEPARATION!

THE UPPER BODY  
OF CHECKMATE  
SHOOT'S OUT LIKE  
A ROCKET,  
FLYING AT  
GREAT SPEED---

SHOOT'S OUT



THE UPPER  
BODY AND  
KID MUSCLE  
ARE NOW  
FALLING  
UPSIDE  
DOWN---

SPRING

KROOF

IT  
SMASHES  
INTO KID  
MUSCLE!

THE  
REMAINING  
LOWER BODY  
IS RISING,  
TOO!





**ROCK  
SKY  
TWISTER!!**

THE DAMAGE  
TO KOP MUSCLE  
HAD INTENSIFIED  
WITH  
THE ADDED  
HEIGHT AND  
SPEED!

IT  
ACCELERATES  
AND RESONATES  
ITSELF WITH  
THE UPPER  
BODY--

**THUD**



Zzzzzzz



beep

CROSS  
FIRE  
CHANGE!  
KING!



LOOK--  
KIP MUSCLE  
WILL NOT BE  
ABLE TO  
STAND NOW!



SUNSHINE,  
I FINALLY  
UNDERSTAND  
EVERYTHING.



...THIRTY  
YEARS  
AGO...

WHY  
YOUR  
EVIL ARMY  
PERISHED



...AGAINST  
THE  
MUSCLE  
LEAGUE  
LEP BY  
KING  
MUSCLE

I'VE  
TOLD  
YOU  
THAT  
STORY  
HARD  
TIMES  
OUR  
FINAL  
FATTLE



...BY  
HIGHLY  
SKILLED  
WARRIORS.

YOU  
MADE  
IT  
SOUND  
LIKE  
YOU  
WERE  
REPEATED...



MUST  
HAVE  
BEEN  
EVEN  
WEAKER!

AND THE  
EVIL CHOJIN  
WHO COULD  
NOT REPEAT  
THE MUSCLE  
LEAGUE...



BUT NOW,  
HAVING  
FOUGHT  
KIP MUSCLE,  
THE OFFSPRING  
OF KING  
MUSCLE...

...I KNOW  
THE OLD  
MUSCLE  
LEAGUE  
COULDN'T  
HAVE BEEN  
STRONG!



YOU—  
ARE YOU  
INSULTING  
THE LEGACY  
OF  
BATTLE—

...BETWEEN  
THE EVIL  
CHOJIN AND  
THE MUSCLE  
LEAGUE?

YOU TAUGHT  
ME TO  
ABANDON  
ALL NEGATIVE  
NOTIONS TO  
BECOME A  
COLD-BLOODED  
CHAMPION

HEY ARE YOU  
ARE CRYING,  
SHOWING THE  
WEAKEST  
NEGATIVE  
FEELING  
OF ALL!



IT WAS  
FOR WHO  
TAUGHT ME  
TO FEEL NO  
PIETY FOR  
ANYONE—



CHECKMATE!  
THAT'S  
ENOUGH!

**GRRR**





# Chapter 25: The Heart of a Wrestler





WHAT ARE  
YOU TALKING  
ABOUT,  
SHUNNY?  
I AM SIMPLY  
PRACTICING  
WHAT YOU  
TAUGHT  
ME.

IF ANYONE  
ATTACKS YOU,  
EVER FRIENDS,  
FAMILY, OR  
YOUR OWN  
TEACHER, BEAT  
THEM  
WORTHLESSLY!



YOU  
COULDN'T  
HAVE KICKED ME  
I FOUND YOU ON  
THE STREETS,  
HANDLED  
BY YOUR  
FIGHTS!

TELL ME  
YOU DIDN'T  
PURPOSELY  
AIM FOR  
ME!



UH...



BUT YOU,  
WHO  
TAUGHT  
ME TO  
ABANDON...

I BELIEVE  
THAT IDEAL  
WARRIOR  
YOU  
WANTED.

FOR TEN YEARS,  
YOU TRAINED ME TO  
RID MYSELF OF THE  
NEGATIVE FEELINGS  
THAT ARE USELESS  
IN BATTLE, SUCH AS  
PAIN, SUFFERING  
AND TEARS.

ALL  
NEGATIVE  
EMOTIONS



flick





WE WERE STOMPS... BUT THE MUSCLE LEADER LIFT BY KING MUSCLE WAS AN INCREDIBLY POWERFUL GROUP!

WE EVEN ADMIRE THEM AS OUR WORTHY RIVALS!



THE POWER THEY CALLED THE KING... ALL THE EYE CANNOT BEAT MORE POWER!

BUT FACING WITH THAT KING STOMPS WITH HIS SHOWS IN A CITY!



THERE'S NO WAY THE FATHER OF KING MUSCLE WAS STRONG!



SU-SU-SHINE



UNDER-ESTIMATED KING MUSCLE WHEN I SAW HIS SILLY FACE!

THIRTY YEARS AGO, I, TOO..

READ THIS WAY



YOU AND  
YOUR  
FRIENDS  
WERE  
JUST  
WEAK!

THERE'S  
NO WAY  
HE COULD  
HAVE  
SUCH  
POWER!

STOMP

THAT'S HOW  
YOUR  
OPPONENT  
FELT  
STRONGER  
THAN HE  
REALLY WAS!

STOMP



YOU DON'T  
KNOW IT,  
CHICKENATE!

THE  
EXPLOSIVE  
POWER OF  
KID MUSCLE  
IS LIKE  
MAGNA!

IT BURNS  
EVERYTHING  
AROUND  
HIM!



JUNKIE! ARE YOU  
GOING TO LET HIM  
TALK ABOUT YOU  
AND YOUR FATHER  
LIKE THAT?

STOMP

KID MUSCLE  
STILL CAN'T  
FIGHT  
BACK!



A WEIRD FEELING...  
LIKE ALL MY  
MUSCLES ARE  
TEARING APART...

I FEEL A  
HEAT FROM DEEP  
DOWN INSIDE ME...  
LIKE A FIRE

I WANT TO  
DO SOMETHING  
ABOUT IT...  
BUT MY BODY'S  
ACTING WEIRD...





YOU SHOULD  
HAVE STAYED  
FACE-DOWN.

YOU REALLY  
ARE A  
HOPELESS  
IDIOT.



KID MUSCLE  
LOCKS HIS  
OWN LEGS—

—AROUND  
CHECKMATE'S  
KICKING  
LEG!



...AND I'LL  
STOMP  
ON YOUR  
REACT!

SHOW  
ME  
YOUR  
UNPLEAS-  
URE!

SHO



KLLCH

**WHACK**

**TWIST**

**WHOA!**

KIP MUSCLE  
THEN GRABS  
CHECKMATE'S  
RIGHT HEEL!

HE GETS  
CHECKMATE'S  
LEFT LEG IN  
A HEEL  
HOLD....

**GRRKK**

...CAPABLE OF  
DESTROYING  
THE KNEECAP  
AND LIGAMENTS  
OF HIS  
OPPONENT!

BUT  
HOW HIS  
MOVEMENTS  
ARE  
QUICKER  
THAN  
EYES..

SOMETHING'S  
DIFFERENT!  
BEFORE, KIP  
MUSCLE WAS  
HORN POW..

HOW DO  
YOU LIKE THIS,  
CHECKMATE?

**KRUK**

**GRRKK**

**KRRK  
KRAK**







HEH HEH...  
IT JUST  
DIDN'T HURT,  
SO THERE'S NO  
REASON WHY I  
SHOULD RUN  
AWAY LIKE  
A WEAKLING...

...JUST SO  
YOU COULD  
SHOW OFF  
YOUR  
THRESHOLD  
FOR PAIN!

CHECKMATE,  
I DIDN'T  
MAKE  
YOU AN  
INVINCIBLE  
WARRIOR...



TH...THERE'S  
NO MOVE I CAN  
USE ON THIS  
MONSTER...

HIT  
HIT

THE BASIC  
PURPOSE OF  
MARTIAL ARTS  
IS DEFENSE!  
YOU MUST  
TRY TO AVOID  
GETTING CAUGHT  
IN A MOVE!



KIP'S STARTING  
TA LOSE HIS  
NERVE AGAIN...



...ISN'T PASSED  
DOWN TO ALL  
GENERATIONS...



I GUESS  
MAYBE THAT  
WREATHLESS  
POWER...



IT SEEMS  
YOU ARE  
FINALLY  
EXHAUSTED.

HIT  
HIT





HE THROWS  
HIM OUT  
OF THE  
RING--

**SLAM**



I DO NOT  
PLAN TO LET  
THAT  
OPPORTUNITY  
SLIP BY

CHECKMATE,  
WHO IS IN AN  
ACHILLES HOLE, IS  
LIFTING KIP MUSCLE  
WITH HIS  
TRAPPED LEG!



OH, YES!  
YOU HOLD  
THAT POSE  
RIGHT  
THERE!

**TAF**

**TAF**

**TAF**



**KIP!!**

JOSHUA

**WAAAAH**

CHECKMATE  
LANDS ON  
KIP MUSCLE  
WITH LA  
QUEERAPA!

**LA  
QUEERAPA!**

SPANISH FOR  
"GODDESS," THIS  
CLIFF-DIVING  
MOVE IS  
SIMILAR TO  
THE MOONSALT  
PRESS!

**SPRING**

JUNIOR!

WE'D LIKE  
FOR BOTH  
WESTGERS TO  
RETURN TO  
THE RING AND  
FORN THE  
FIGHT

KIP MUSCLE  
LANDS ON A  
TABLE,  
SHAKING  
IT TO  
PIECES!



THIS  
IS  
PERFECT!



THAT'S THE  
CHECKMATE  
HE THOUGHT  
WAS SO  
REFINED?

HE'S  
NOTHING  
BUT A  
BLOOD-  
THIRSTY  
BEAST  
AN ANIMAL.



NOT SO  
EASY? I  
GOT HIM  
THIS FAR..

WHY  
RETURN TO  
THE KING  
RIGHT  
AWAY?



WH-  
WHAT'S  
HE  
PLANNING?



WHAT DO  
YOU THINK  
WILL  
HAPPEN?

IF I  
LAND AN  
ELBOW PROP  
ON HIM IN  
THIS  
POSITION..



PAK



YEEK..  
HOW  
GROSS!

EWWW!





YOU'D  
BETTER PREPARE  
YOUR CHILDREN  
FOR THAT!

WHEN THAT  
HAPPENS, ADULTS  
AND CHILDREN  
ALIKE WILL SERVE  
UNDER OUR  
RULE!

FOR FOOLISH  
ONCE I BEAT  
KIP MUSCLE, THE  
WHOLE WORLD  
WILL BECOME  
THE DMZ'S!



ALL RIGHT  
THIS TIME  
HE'S DEAD!

**SHOFF**

PREPARE  
YOURSELF,  
KIP  
MUSCLE!



HIS  
INTENTIONS  
WERE TO  
ENSLAVE  
HUMANITY,  
AFTER ALL!

WHAT  
SURPRISE  
TO "GO-BUST"  
AND "BOMB AGE  
OF PROGRESS!"



...NOT HATED  
FOR THE  
MUSCLE LEAGUE  
CREATED A  
MONSTER

IT  
SEEMS...



**WHOOOSH**

KIP  
MUSCLE  
IS IN REAL  
DANGER—

# THRAMM







# KLATCH

KID MUSCLE  
IS BACK UP!  
HE CATCHES  
CHECKMATE IN  
A FRONT NECK  
LOCK -



HE THROWS  
CHECKMATE  
BACK IN THE  
RING WITH A  
RELEASE FRONT  
NECK POKER!



OH...  
WHAT  
STRENGTH  
HE HAS  
LEFT IN  
HIM!



WHOO!

HRRF



WHAT IS HE  
THINKING? HE'S  
WALKING OVER  
TO THE FALLEN  
SUNSHINE...



YOU  
DEFENDED  
MY FATHER.  
YOU SAID  
HE WAS  
STRONG.

WHY?  
WHY HELP  
ME UP?



KID...  
KID  
MUSCLE...



BUT...



YOU  
PREFER  
TO BE THE  
MOST POPULAR  
WITH THE  
GIRLS

CHECKMATE!  
YOUR IMAGE  
AND STYLE  
ARE REALLY  
COOL



LOOK  
THE  
MARK IS  
APPEARING  
ON HIS  
FOREHEAD...



WHAT  
POINT  
IS  
HAPPENING?

TREMBLE

TREMBLE



...YOU CAN  
NEVER  
BECOME A  
TRUE  
SUPERHERO!!

WITHOUT  
LOVE IN  
YOUR  
HEART...



MY KNEE!  
IT'S... IT'S  
SWELLING  
UP...

TO BE CONTINUED!





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Kid Muscle and his teammates thought the DMF was bad news, but that was before they met Generation Ex. The Gen Ex. wrestlers have superior power and all the moves, and they're hell-bent on turning the New Generation into early retirement. Who are they? The latest graduates from the Muscle League's own Hercules Factory? Will the New Generation be tossed aside like yesterday's beef joint? And will Kid Muscle care?

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